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Update concerning ILO premises in Abidjan and Islamabad

► Update on the premises for the ILO Regional Office for Africa and Country Office for Côte d'Ivoire, Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Togo in Abidjan

1. At its 355th Session, the Governing Body was informed of the progress made in the project to redevelop the ILO premises in Abidjan.
2. Demolition works commenced on 7 November 2025, marking the transition from preparatory activities to on-site execution. The demolition of the main building is currently under way and progressing in line with the approved work plan and applicable occupational safety and health requirements for construction works. These activities represent a key milestone for the project and will be completed by 13 March 2026.
3. A locally based ILO project engineer joined the project team in the last quarter of 2025 to provide on-site technical oversight, including monitoring of works and coordination with the project management team and construction company, while liaising with the Facilities Management Unit at headquarters, which retains overall responsibility for the timely and compliant delivery of the project.
4. The project costs and timeline remain unchanged.

► Update on the premises for the ILO Country Office for Pakistan in Islamabad

5. At its 355th Session, the Governing Body was provided with an update concerning the progress made on the projects to address, as a matter of priority, the urgent works and, in parallel, the main renovation of the ILO-owned premises in Islamabad.

Urgent works

6. The Office, assisted by the project management team, architectural and engineering services, has selected a company for the execution of the urgent works. The works, which concern the electrical power supply, consist in relocating and upgrading the generator, and replacing the transformer and the low voltage distribution system. They are expected to start in February 2026 and be completed in July 2026.
7. The cost of the technical study, execution of the work and project management and control amounts to US\$345,000, which is slightly below the estimated amount.

Main renovation works

8. In December 2025, the Office contracted a firm to provide project management, and architectural and engineering services. The firm is currently developing the technical studies and the subsequent detailed design. The documentation for selecting the construction company is expected to be finalized by March 2026, after which the tendering process for the construction company will be launched.
9. For the main renovation works, once the tendering process for the construction services has been received and analyzed, the cost of the project and its schedule of work will be reviewed and updated accordingly. As of this update, the project costs are estimated to remain within the budget envelope of US\$5.7 million.
10. The timeline still envisages the finalization and signing of construction contracts in August 2026, and the relocation of staff and commencement of project works in September 2026, with an expected project completion date of February 2028.
11. The Office is currently exploring options for the temporary relocation of staff members of CO-Islamabad during the execution of the main renovation works.

Liaison Committee

12. The Office will hold a second meeting with representatives from the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resources Development and Labour Department, Islamabad Capital Territory Administration in March 2026.

Next Update

13. The Office will provide an update on the status of the projects to the Governing Body at its 358th Session (November 2026).